

10 March 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director for  
Planning and Coordination

ATTENTION:



THROUGH: Assistant Director for Operations

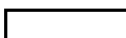
SIGNED: GEORGE G. CAREY

SUBJECT: War Documents Project (WDP)

1. On 3 March 1955 discussions on this project were held in your office with representatives of DD/P. The representatives of DD/P outlined that they felt that certain of their requirements could not be handled by WDP and that they were desirous of FDD handling these. Their other requirements they felt might be handled by WDP, but in this case they would like FDD at least to act as the administrator and monitor.

2. We have reviewed DD/P requirements with the requesting officials and find that they were not closely acquainted with the German captured documents nor entirely cognizant of their potentiality or lack of potential. Therefore, in detailed discussions one project has been cancelled, and whereas they originally estimated their requirements would call for 71 man-months to complete, we now estimate that it would require 33 man-months.

3. As there are no target dates on the projects as far as DD/P is concerned, we propose the following:

- a. That all of DD/Ps requirements be handled by FDD;
- b. That in handling these requirements FDD devote 20 man-months of its regular time and 13 man-months on an overtime basis;
- c. That inasmuch as we are currently handling a much larger DD/P project on an overtime basis, which we anticipate will be completed in June, that we begin work on these requirements on 1 July 1955;
- d. That we will require approximately  for overtime payment. (Funds for this purpose are not now available in FDD fiscal 1955 or 1956 budgets);
- e. That we use the following competent FDD personnel on this project to meet DD/P needs:

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[redacted] 5 years experience as  
German documents intelligence officer;

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[redacted] 10 years experience as  
German documents intelligence officer;

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[redacted] 5 years experience as  
German documents intelligence officer;

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[redacted] 11 years experience  
as German and Russian documents intelligence officer;

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[redacted]  
5 years experience as German documents intelligence officer;

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[redacted] 6 years experience as German  
documents intelligence officer;

and such other competent personnel as may prove expedient or  
appropriate in the course of the project.

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4. As the above figures will show, we propose to handle the  
requirements at a cost to the Agency of [redacted] in lieu of the [redacted]  
the project cost last year. We believe that the requirements of DD/P  
can also be handled much more efficiently in this manner, and the addi-  
tional experience for our people in handling their requirements may  
prove invaluable.

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5. As to the requirements of the Office of the Chief of Psychological  
Warfare and the Rand requirements, we do not wish to jeopardize the time  
our intelligence officers may need for other requirements of the Agency.  
At the same time, if these requirements are appropriately within the  
purview of the Social Science Research Group, chaired by your Office, the  
handling of them could be made subject to negotiation.

6. We therefore recommend that

a. The WDP project be discontinued at the end of its current  
contract;

b. The proposals in paragraph 3 above be approved;

c. The necessary fiscal details be worked out at an early date  
by representatives of DD/P and FDD/OO;

d. The Office of the Chief of Psychological Warfare be informed  
of discontinuance of CIA sponsorship of the WDP, and, if appropriately  
within the purview of the SSRG, CIA would be willing to negotiate on  
the basis of having its own personnel handle their needs on an  
overtime basis, if they so desire.

cc: RQM/OIS

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J. J. BAGNALL

Chief, Foreign Documents Division

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EXCERPT FROM DAD/O DIARY FOR TUESDAY, 22 March 1955:

Mr. Bagnall called to say that this afternoon he intended to accompany a representative of Mr. Bissell's on a visit to OCPW to discuss their requirements for WDP, as Bissell rather feels that OCPW has been left in the lurch. Mr. Bissell has not as yet signed off on Mr. Bagnall's recommendations in regard to cancelling out the WDP project and the handling of DD/P requirements by FID. Told Mr. Bagnall that we would have to be careful in regard to accepting OCPW requirements unless they happen to be very closely along the lines of the DD/P requirements.